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July 22, 1985

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
P-592-429-585

Mr. Barney G. Powell
Walker Gold Mining Company
922 South 2300 East
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Dear Mr. Powell:

Re: Declaration of Exemption for Elk Claims, DOE/013/002A,
Duchesne County, Utah

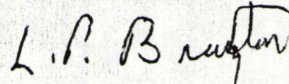
The Division's technical staff has reviewed the Declaration of Exemption which you submitted July 19, 1985. This exemption applies only where less than 500 tons of material is being mined or less than two acres of land is being excavated or used as a disposal site for a period of twelve consecutive months.

The Division hereby recognizes the Declaration of Exemption associated with the Elk Claims 6, 60, 61, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 160, 161, 162, and 208. You must be aware, however, that the recognition of this DOE by the Division in no way limits the responsibility of the U. S. Forest Service in administering the regulations required under 30 CFR Part 228. Under the above defined regulations the Forest Service requires a plan of operations be filed describing the proposed mining or exploration operation and the posting of a required bond or surety to cover the reclamation of the planned operations. As we discussed on July 19, 1985, Walker Gold Mining Company must file a plan of operations with the Forest Service. As part of that plan of operation, it is required, in many cases, that a bond be posted to cover the cost of the reclamation.

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If you have any questions please call myself or Tom
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Sincerely,



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